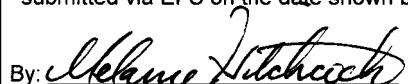
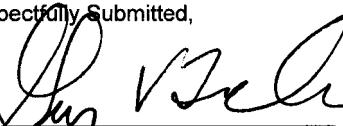


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Tarara et al. Application No: 10/750,934 Confirmation No: 1899 Filed: December 31, 2003 Title: PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATION WITH AN INSOLUBLE ACTIVE AGENT	Group No: 1618 Examiner: Schlientz, Leah H Attorney Docket No: 53279-US-CNT (NV.0101.00)  May 3, 2010 San Francisco, California 94107
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	<b>Extension of Time</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136		
Via EFS  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Reply Brief</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Power of Attorney Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal (form PTO/SB31) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawings (Formal) <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> PTO-SB08 Form <input type="checkbox"/> Citations <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Postcard for Return (1)	<b>Extension (Months)</b>	<b>Extension Fee</b>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> One Month	Large Entity      \$130.00      \$65.00
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	<input type="checkbox"/> Three Months	Large Entity      \$1,110.00      \$555.00	
<b>Total \$0.00</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made in case applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.			

<b>Fees for Extra Claims</b>						
	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Number Extra	Rate		Additional Fee
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Total Claims	29	102	0	\$52.00	\$26.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	7	0	\$220.00	\$110.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			0	\$390.00	\$195.00	\$0.00
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